

## OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,795,134,710,938.40.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,156,708,964,644.60 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

## RECOGNIZING JUDGE WILLIAM J. CAPRATHE

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, the Honorable William J. Caprathe, Judge with the 18th Circuit Court of Michigan, is retiring after serving on the bench since 1981. A celebration will be held in Bay City Michigan on November 19th in his honor.

Judge Caprathe became a member of the State Bar of Michigan in 1966. He worked as a trial attorney before beginning his career as a circuit court judge serving as Chief Judge from 1984 to 1997. He has served as chair of the Executive Board of the National Conference of State Trial Judges, co-chair of the Judicial Division's Judicial Clerkship Program, president of the Michigan Judges Association, and chair of the Michigan Judicial Conference. He has also served as chair of the Michigan State Bar Standing Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions, and is a past member of the Equal Access Initiative and the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. As a regular faculty member of the Michigan Judicial Institute he oversaw the production of several bench books. He also served on the American Bar Association's American Jury Project.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to be able to recognize the achievements of Judge William J. Caprathe and ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating him on his retirement. I wish him the best as he enters this phase of his life.

## CONGRATULATING ELDON HIGH SCHOOL'S FFA PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TEAM

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Eldon High School's FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team. On October 23, 2010 at the 83rd National FFA Convention in Indianapolis,

IN, the Eldon High School FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team won its first national championship. The members of the championship winning team each received a scholarship to further their education at a post-secondary institution of their choice.

The Eldon High FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team consists of seniors Payton Atteberry, who also holds the distinction of winning the Outstanding Chairman Award, Jill Blankenship, Cole Griffith, Kelsi Mueller, Arika Myers, and Abbey Thomas. The Eldon team competed against 44 teams from across the nation. This competition tests students' ability to effectively communicate ideas during a meeting. Components included a general knowledge exam of parliamentary law, a ten-minute demonstration of parliamentary procedure, oral questions, and written minutes of the demonstration.

These six gifted young men and women were prepared and focused, due to their dedicated advisor, Eldon High School Agriculture teacher Matt Biddle, who trained and supported the team. Each student received \$1,000 and a plaque in recognition of this event.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Eldon High School's FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team for a job well done. These students and all the other students who participated in the annual convention should be commended for their commitment to the future of agriculture.

## HONORING CHRISTIAN A. SPINLER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christian A. Spinler. Christian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 205, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Christian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Christian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Christian has earned the rank of Senior Patrol Leader in his troop and the World Conservation Award. Christian also has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Christian designed and constructed a wooden fence around the trash dumpsters at his troops sponsoring church, Good Shepherd Christian Church in Blue Springs, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christian A. Spinler for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 15, 2010, and Tuesday, November 16, 2010, I was not present for 6 recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: roll No. 566—"yea"; roll No. 567—"yea"; roll No. 568—"yea"; roll No. 569—"yea"; roll No. 570—"yea"; roll No. 571—"yea".

## RECOGNITION OF REVEREND LINWOOD D. ROUSE

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the ministry of Reverend Linwood D. Rouse, Pastor of Macedonia Original Freewill (OFW) Baptist Church in Piscataway, New Jersey. For 26 years, Reverend Rouse has served as a pillar of his church and community. His rock-solid faith and commitment toward helping others deserves recognition.

Reverend Rouse, the second of eight children born to David and Lorraine Rouse, moved to New Jersey from his birthplace of Washington, D.C. in 1963. He is a graduate of the Dr. Howard Anderson Interdenominational School of Divinity Southern Baptist Seminary Extension and Philadelphia Biblical University, from which he holds a degree of Associate of Biblical Studies. Starting out as an organist and choir director, he soon was made a church trustee. He eventually found himself called to minister. After his first sermon in June of 1978, he was licensed to preach at Macedonia OFW, was ordained on October 19th, 1979, and in 1984, became pastor.

For over two decades, Reverend Rouse has served his community with a diligence, steadfastness, compassion, and faith that is inspirational. He has worked tirelessly as an advocate for his church, securing building space for the schooling of his congregation's youngest members. Under his care, numerous community programs have grown, such as the Horns of Joshua, a youth outreach program that targets children and families going through times of crisis. And he was the creator of Caring Hand of New Jersey Inc., which serves as a Bible School and includes a Child Care Program. He is a board member of the Piscataway Township Board of Ethics, vice president of the Middlesex County Board of Ethics, president of District Union No. 1 of Central Jersey, and a board member of Piscataway Township's Turn-on Youth Coalition. His other positions in the community include Chaplain of the Holmes Marshall Vol. Fire Co., chaplain and then delegate of the National Police Defense Foundation, member of United Chaplin International, treasurer of the Middlesex Central Baptist Association of New Jersey, Inc., and member of the Singing Pastors of Piscataway.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing Reverend Rouse's work. His supporters and